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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>09/938,435 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>WON ET AL. |  |
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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE \_\_\_\_ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13,25-37 and 62-83 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 25-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 62-83 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114*

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission filed on 5/10/04 has been entered.

2. The amendment filed 5/10/04 has been entered. Claim 38 has been canceled (the Examiner notes that previously allowed Claim 38 is now identified as "Canceled" however the Examiner is unclear whether the Applicants intended to cancel this claim given that there is no indication in the remarks section of the amendment filed 5/10/04 that Claim 38 was canceled.) New claims 62-83 been added. Claims 1-13, 25-37 and 62-83 are pending in the application.

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 62-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant



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art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Additionally, the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling because the specification, while being enabling for a method in which the perimeter and inner area temperatures are within the range claimed in claim 1, does not reasonably provide enablement for a method in which the perimeter can be maintained at any temperature higher than the inside area temperature (as recited in Claims 70 and 81) or any temperature 10 degrees higher than the inside area temperature (as recited in Claims 62 and 75.) It is noted that newly submitted independent claims 62 and 75 recite that the temperature reading of the second thermocouple (perimeter temperature) is at least 10 degrees C higher than the temperature of the first thermocouple (inner area temperature) however the original disclosure at the time of filing does not support this broader temperature range. Similarly, Claims 70 and 81 recite that the temperature reading of the second thermocouple exceeds the temperature reading of the first thermocouple. It is noted that the original disclosure at the time of filing clearly recites that the temperature of the perimeter area is within a range between about 10 degrees C less than the temperature of the area of the surface inside of the perimeter area to about 20 degrees higher than the temperature of the area of the surface inside of the perimeter area, not any temperature higher than the inner area. Further, it is noted that the instant invention requires the film thickness uniformity be less than or equal about 10%.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 1-13 and 25-37 are allowed over the prior art for the reasons recited in the prior office action.



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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul J Thibodeau can be reached on 571-272-1516. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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